



READY *to* ROAR

CAREER PROFICIENCIES

WHAT IS CRITICAL THINKING: THE ABILITY TO IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO NEEDS BASED UPON AN UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATIONAL CONTEXT & LOGICAL ANALYSIS OF RELEVANT INFORMATION. ABILITY TO THINK CLEARLY AND RATIONALLY TO MAKE DECISIONS

INQUIRY & ANALYSIS | QUANTITATIVE & FORMAL REASONING | ATTENTION TO DETAIL

SAMPLE BEHAVIORS

- Make decisions and solve problems using **sound, inclusive reasoning and judgment.**
- Gather and analyze information from a **diverse set of sources and individuals** to fully understand a problem.
- **Proactively anticipate** needs and prioritize action steps.
- Accurately summarize and interpret data with an **awareness of personal biases** that may impact outcomes.
- Effectively communicate actions and rationale, **recognizing the diverse perspectives** and lived experiences of stakeholders.
- Multi-task well in a **fast-paced environment.**

WHERE TO BUILD IT...

- Classroom discussions
- Research projects
- Front Desk Assistant roles
- Customer Service roles
- Supplemental Instructor roles



HOW TO TALK ABOUT IT

Resume Bullet Examples | *Critical Thinking*

- **Strategically** evaluated materials submitted to determine placement and flow in yearbook.
- **Resolved** customer concerns effectively and with a high level of customer service.
- **Analyzed data** on a monthly basis to showcase progress of each specimen and overall project.
- **Tailored** communication and explanations to students based on current level of understanding.
- **Researched and developed** a counselor mentoring program for new staff members to provide additional training and support.
- **Creatively planned and implemented** residential programs that focused on social and academic success.
- **Analyzed** customer purchase history using sales tracking database to produce product ordering guidelines for a local small business.
- **Conducted** extensive research on foreign companies and international trade for capstone project.

HOW EMPLOYERS ASK

- Tell me about a time that you **used data to make an informed decision** about your next steps in a project?
- Describe a time when you had to come up with a **creative solution** to a problem.
- How do you **effectively gather information** to make well informed decisions?
- Recall a time when your education and experiences **did not prepare you** for a task. What did you do?
- Can you give me an example of a time when your attention to detail **prevented a mistake or error?**